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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7, 11-13 and 16-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 13 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7, 12 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 19, 2, 3, 7, 12, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weston et al in view of British publication 2187021 and Hochriem, all of record. Weston et al disclose a currency handling apparatus including a housing 2, cash stores 22, 24, 26 and a cash box 21; the apparatus is switchable to a float mode in which the serviceman replenishes the coin store, see col. 5, lines 36-40. Weston et al does not disclose a means to control the operation of the machine by a person that does not have access to the internal

components of the machine and does not disclose the lockable door for the cash box. The British publication discloses a coin handling machine that alters its operation upon receipt of a token, see page 3, lines 83-98. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the showing and teaching of the British publication to provide the currency handling machine of Weston et al with means to receive a token and means to alter the operation of the machine in response to receipt of the token. Merely calling for particular features to be activated by the receipt of the token would involve only an obvious matter of design choice to one of ordinary skill in the art. Hochriem shows a cash handling machine with a first cash store 7, 8 and 9 and a second cash store 48 including a lockable door 50 that allows access to the second cash store but not the first cash store, see page 3, lines 59-67. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the showing and teaching of Hochriem to provide the device of Weston et al with a lockable door for the cash box that would allow access to the cash box 21 but not the coin tubes 22, 24 and 26.

3. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weston et al in view of the British publication and Hochriem as applied to claim 19 above in further view of Schuller et al. Weston et al, as modified by the British publication and Hochriem, show a cash handling machine with all the features of the applicant's claimed invention except the keypad. Schuller et al disclose a cash handling machine that includes keypad 25 for controlling the operation of the machine. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the showing and teaching of Schuller et al to provide the device of Weston et al with a keypad to control the operation of the machine.

4. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weston et al in view of the British publication and Hochriem as applied to claim 19 above in further view of Schuller et al. Weston et al, as modified by the British publication and Hochriem, show a cash handling machine with all the features of the applicant's claimed invention except the display of the coin levels in the coin store. Schuller et al disclose a display 29 that displays the amount of coins in the coin

stores; see col. 48, lines 8-36. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the showing and teaching of Schuller et al to provide the device of Weston et al with a display to show the coin levels in the coin stores.

Oath/Declaration

5. Receipt is acknowledged of the Declaration filed 03 October 2003.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. The applicant's remarks have been considered but have not been found persuasive in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to F. J. BARTUSKA whose telephone number is 703-308-1111. The examiner

can normally be reached on MONDAY-FRIDAY (ALTERNATE FRIDAYS OFF).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ROBERT P. OLSZEWSKI can be reached on 703-308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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